

December 25, 1947

Funeral Services Held For Philip Donovan, Wednesday

Funeral services were conducted last Wednesday morning at 10:00 o'clock at St. John's Catholic church in Groton for Philip Donovan, highly esteemed young farmer in this community, who passed away at St. Ann's hospital in Chicago on Saturday, Dec. 13, 1947, following a long illness. The Rev. Fr. Thomas J. Shanley officiated. Burial was made in the Groton Catholic cemetery.

Active pallbearers were: Ernest Johnson, Joe Abeln, Lawrence Rohwer, Elmer Messing, Lyle Blair and Norman Hassenpflug. Honorary pallbearers were: Oliver Belden, Bruce Johnson, Otho Rix, Charles Berg, George Koehler and Arthur Rock.

Philip Donovan was born at Groton, September 5, 1914, and was united in marriage with Miss Mary Jane Rix on May 21, 1941. To this union three children were born.

Left to mourn his passing are his wife; son James, age 5; daughter Barbara, age 4, and infant daughter, Mary Lou; his father, J. A. Donovan; one brother, Jerrold; four sisters, Mrs. Wm. Koehler (Josephine), Groton, Miss Irene Donovan of Chicago, Mrs. Arden Rix (Dorothy), Groton, and Mrs. Bill Bell (Alice), of Chicago, and a number of other relatives. His mother preceded him in death on November 13, 1942.

Mr. Donovan was a kind and loving husband and father, and his genial disposition and kindness won him the admiration of all who knew him. His untimely passing will be keenly felt by a host of friends. Sincere sympathy is extended to the bereaved family in their great loss.